

Statement of **KAREN BERNER**, Candidate for
Member, Los Altos City Council

Occupation: Community Volunteer

Age:

Education and Qualification:

I grew up with a sense of justice and believe in community involvement. Being a stay-at-home mom has given me time to serve my community many capacities. For example, in the Cupertino Union School District I started and led a scout troop when there was none; as PTA president, I leveraged funds to bring essential technology to schools when public funds were unavailable; and I have dedicated myself to supporting and/or leading essential community programs. I moved to Los Altos in 2011 and am currently co-chair of the Los Altos High School STEM program, working with a wonderful team to bring Science, Technology, Engineering and Math speakers together, exposing students to emerging vocations. I am a proud citizen of Los Altos and will work to provide an excellent environment for residents.

Recent developments have compelled me to be involved in the decision-making process of our neighborhood. Issues such as housing impacts on facilities, preserving recreational areas/facilities, pursuit of safe bicycling paths, and business expansion within our city, are ones that are near and dear to our hearts. I pledge to represent the citizens of the City of Los Altos and to create a sustainable and collaborative environment where we can all thrive.